

General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **522**

File No. 241

Cal. No. 142

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING BEAR HUNTING IN CONNECTICUT."

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
- 2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Section 26-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 5 (a) No person shall feed, place, provide, give, expose, deposit,
- 6 scatter or distribute any edible material or attractant with the purpose
- 7 of feeding, attracting or enticing potentially dangerous animals, except
- 8 as provided for in this chapter, on lands not owned by the state.
- 9 <u>(b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may</u>
- 10 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
- 11 prohibit or restrict the unintentional feeding of potentially dangerous
- 12 <u>animals on lands not owned by the state.</u>
- 13 [(a)] (c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection

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14 may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54

- 15 prohibiting or restricting the feeding of wildlife on state-owned
- 16 property. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to,
- procedures for designating areas subject to such prohibitions or 17
- 18 restrictions. Any such designation shall be effective after public notice
- 19 and a public comment period.
- 20 [(b)] (d) Any conservation officer appointed pursuant to section 26-5
- and any other officer authorized to serve criminal process may enforce 21
- 22 the provisions of this section and any regulations adopted pursuant to
- 23 [subsection (a) of] this section. Any violation of [such regulations] the
- 24 provisions of this section or of any regulation adopted pursuant to this
- 25 section shall be an infraction.
- 26 (e) For purposes of this section, "potentially dangerous animal"
- 27 includes any of the following: (1) The felidae, including, but not
- 28 limited to, the bobcat; (2) the canidae, including, but not limited to, the
- 29 coyote and the fox; and (3) the ursidae, including, but not limited to,
- 30 the black bear."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	from passage	26-25a